

ble and we sincerely hope he may succeed. (4) That is a good hint that contributors should be careful in the discussion of doctrinal subjects. Statements should be clear, concise, and to the point, avoiding all personalities. Thanks, brother, for that good advice to our readers and contributors. May God grant us grace to profit by it.

## Literary Notes

### COMPANION STORIES FOR 1900

The stories published in *The Youth's Companion* portray the manly and womanly virtues with no sacrifice of interest or vitality, and they appeal to the sympathies of old and young alike. During 1900 *The Companion* will offer special series of stories—among them being stories of Former Political Campaigns and Adventures of Linemen.

Besides these there will be a score of stories for girls by such writers as Sarah Orne Jewett, Mary E. Wilkins, Margaret Deland, Elizabeth Stuart Phelps, Edith Wharton, Kate Chopin and Margaret Sangster. There will be four serial stories—"A Prairie Infanta," by Eva Wilder Brodhead; "Running a Merry-Go-Round," by Charles Adams; "The Schoolhouse Farthest West," by C. A. Stephens; and "Cushing Brothers," by Ray Stannard Baker. In addition there will be two hundred other short stories by the most gifted of American writers of fiction.

All new subscribers will receive *The Companion* for the remaining weeks of 1899 free from the time of subscription, and then for a full year, fifty-two weeks, to January 1, 1901; also the *Companion's* new Calendar for 1900, suitable as an ornament for the prittiest room in the house.

Illustrated Announcement Number containing a full prospectus of the volume for 1900 will be sent free to any address.

### THE YOUTH'S COMPANION.

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The Thanksgiving number of *The Saturday Evening Post*, in its stories, poems, pictures and general articles, will be the most attractive of the magazine yet issued.

In this number Robert W. Chambers has a seasonable out-of-door story, entitled "The Hunter"—the romance of a poacher's pretty daughter. Other features are: Edwin Markham's latest poem, "The Lyric Seer"; "An Electrical Transaction"—a tale of the Transvaal War by Robert Barr; "At Dawn," by Octave Thanet, and "The Minister's Henhouse," a droll story by C. B. Loomis.

Two notable articles in this number are "Lincoln as Candidate and President," by his old friend and political ally, Colonel A. K. McClure, and "Our New Prosperity," by Frank A. Vanderlip, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

The Thanksgiving Number of *The Saturday Evening Post* will be on all news-stands November 23.

## Brevities

—North Haven, Me., has a 125-year-old apple tree.

—Yellowstone Park geysers are slowly playing out.

—Contagious diseases kill 240,000 people in France yearly.

—Whistling is said to be regarded as a violation of the divine law by Icelanders.

—In Mexico children who have their lessons well prepared are allowed to smoke.

—The Advent Conference at Westbrook, Me., decided that women may preach, but cannot be ordained.

—In Great Britain on certain streets of large cities drunken women are as numerous as intoxicated men.

—Among Colorado's relics of cliff dwellers is one building that sheltered probably six thousand people.

—A correspondent in New Zealand reports a strange dislike to the medical profession among the working classes there. They never apply to a doctor until all

other means have failed, and then assume a hostile attitude, refusing to give their symptoms and expecting the doctor to find out what is the matter with them by simply looking at them.

—St. Paul's Cathedral was completed within 35 years, while the building of St. Peter's, Rome, was extended over 176 years.

—New York will merge into one all its libraries now supported wholly or in part by the city.

—The postal authorities have decided to utilize the system of wireless telegraphy, which will be tried first in London.

—The Commissioners of the District of Columbia have forbidden the sale of giant firecrackers and dynamite torpedoes.

—Statistics show that there are 93,000 women in the United States employed in cotton mills, 10,700 in the carpet industry, 20,500 in hosiery and knitting mills, 36,100 in the woolen mills, 28,000 in the manufacture of tobacco and cigars.

—The reason why the Great Salt Lake in Utah is growing smaller, according to Professor James E. Talmage, is that the volume of water from its four tributary rivers is being more and more diverted by irrigation.

—Sixteen large manufacturing corporations are located at Niagara Falls, which use at present 34,590 electrical horse power. The largest used is 10,000, the smallest 20. The two new installations will bring the power up to 49,190 horse-power. One-fourth the power produced goes to Buffalo.

—A Madrid journal is printed on linen with a composition easily removable by water, and the subscriber, after devouring the news, washes his journal and has a handkerchief.

—The prevailing use of electricity has brought about a large increase of fires, owing to crossed wires. Ten years ago there were only 65 such fires and last year there were 958.

—About 20,000,000 false teeth are produced annually in the United States, nearly all being the product of Philadelphia factories. About 40,000 ounces of fine gold are used with this output.

—A big piece of granite has been cut from the Palmer quarry, five miles from Vianalhaven, Mo. It measures in the rough state 64 feet in length, and is 8 feet 3 inches thick, by 7 feet in width, the total weight being 310 tons. When turned into cylindrical form it will be 54 feet in length by 6 feet 3 inches in diameter, and will be the first of eight columns which are destined to support the great dome of the Episcopal Cathedral of St. John the Divine of New York.

—The Rev. Robert S. MacArthur, of the Calvary Baptist Church, in his sermon yesterday denied that there has been a decline of the Protestant religion in this country. He declared that, rapidly tho the population of the country is growing, both the Protestant and Catholic religions are keeping pace with it; and he said that of the two the progress of the Protestant church was the most rapid.

## Quiet Observer

I have been greatly amused, and sometimes have grown red in the face over the scrambling of a Sunday-school class endeavoring to find the book of Jude in the Old Testament. Where is this book anyhow? What book to the left of it? What one to the right? If book keepers were not any better acquainted with their ledgers than some Christians are with their Bible, they would soon lose their job.

I have heard people say, "If I had a million dollars, I would endow Ashland College, the Publishing House, Missions, and give largely to other purposes. Are you quite certain you would do so charitable a thing? What are you doing with your dimes and quarters? If you spend them for knick knacks what would you do with a million dollars. See?

## Our Cream Pitcher

### Pope

There is but one way I know of conversing safely with all men; that is, not by concealing what we say or do, but by saying or doing nothing that deserves to be concealed.

### Lubbock

Great battles are really won before they are actually fought. To control our passions we must govern our habits and keep watch over ourselves in the small details of everyday life.

### Phillips Brooks

The effective life and the receptive life are one. No sweep of arm that does some work for God, but harvests, also, some more of the truth of God, and sweeps it into the treasury of life.

### Cook

Let God be your guide in the building of the vessel in which you expect to cross the ocean of life, and enter entirely without wreck. Use no timber that will not bear storm. Never sleep while you skirt the reef.

### Carlyle

Sublimar in this world know I nothing than a peasant saint, one that must toil outwardly for the lowest of men's wants, also toiling inwardly for the highest; such a one carries thee back to Nazareth itself.

### Strong

There are many who would die for Christ, but in these times he calls for men willing to live for him. What is needed today is a higher heroism, a nobler, more costly martyrdom—that of the living sacrifice, the sustained resolve, the renewed self giving, the daily consecration.

### C. H. Spurgeon

Many books in my library are now behind and beneath me. They were good in their way once, and so were the clothes I wore when I was ten years old; but I have outgrown them. Nobody ever outgrows scripture; the book widens and deepens with our years.

### Kingsley

Make a rule—and pray God to help you to keep it—never, if possible, to lie down at night without being able to say, "I have made one human being, at least, a little wiser, a little happier, or a little better this day." You will find it easier than you think, and pleasanter.

### Weaving Destiny—The Pulpit

This land is not our place of rest. The world knows no rest. The clouds are moving, the river is flowing. Human character is growing every hour. Our thoughts, good or evil, are the threads, dark or light, out of which time is weaving the garment of destiny.

### Prayer—British Weekly

Merciful Father, we have sinned grievously, and we have allowed the unholy feeling of our heart to grow. O forgive us, and let the precious blood of Christ be sprinkled upon our consciences, that we may be cleansed from all sin. Help us to attain to a humble, holy, trustful mind, while we wait upon thee. Subdue within us all turbulence of spirit, and if our holy strength has been wasted by our work in the world, or by the fretful cares of life, let it be renewed. Let wise thoughts and sanctifying influences possess our souls, and let their power be with us in all days to come. Let pious feeling sanctify everything we do, and so strongly influence our hearts that we can never be forgetful of thee, or cold and formal in living to thee. We ask it in the name of our Redeemer. Amen.